(vi) Of the workers who participate in JRY works, roughly 57% had an annual income of Rs. 6401/-and above and only 43% had an annual income below Rs. 6400/-.

Based on the findings of the concurrent evaluation and the experience gained in the implementation of JRY necessary corrective measures are taken.

(d) and (e) The concurrent evaluation was carried out in all the states including Andhra Pradesh. However, the concurrent evaluation of JRY has not given state-wise finding.

Development of Wasteland

*275. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised any common guidelines for developing the wasteland;

(b) if so, in what manner these guidelines are proposed to be implemented;

(c) what is the total area of wasteland in the country as on December 31, 1996; and

(d) what is the total area of wasteland converted into cultivable land during the last five years and the amount spent thereon?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has formulated the guidelines for development of wastelands on watershed basis.

(b) These guidelines are implemented through the Panchayati Raj Institutions, District Rural Development Agencies and Project Implementing Agencies.

(c) No precise estimate of wasteland is available. National Remote Sensing Agency has done the mapping of wastelands in 241 districts. According to information available 35.65 million ha. wasteland is reported in these districts.

(d) The Department of Wastelands Development undertakes development of wastelands in non-forest areas aimed at checking land degradation, putting such wastelands to sustainable use and increasing bio-mass availability specially fuelwood and fodder. Rs. 207.36 crores have been released under Integrated Wastelands Development Projects (INDP) for the development of about 2,38,000 ha. of wastelands during the last 5 years.

Oil Royalty to Maharashtra, Gujarat and Assam

*276. DR. GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any royalty for off-shore oil is given to Maharashtra Government; if so, the amount thereof during the last three years;

(b) how much royalty is given to Gujarate and Assam for off-shore and on shore oil; and

(c) whether there are any guidelines to determine the royalty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Royalty in respect of crude oil produced from offshore areas is payable to the Central Government. Amount of royalty on crude oil paid to Gujarat and Assam in respect of onshore production during the last three years is as follows:

(Rs. crores)

	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Gujarat	306.72	320.41	327.16
Assam	239.87	254.15	250.99

(c) Royalty on crude oil and natural gas is governed by the provisions of the Oilfields (Regulation and Development) Act, 1948 and the Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 1959.